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GENEVA FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF STR DENT FOR MTN DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 185876

1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO TRY TO PROMOTE A MEETING WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES AS A GROUP TO DISCUSS MTN ISSUES WITH DENT DURING HIS VISIT TO KEY COUNTRIES.

2. OUR REASONING IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IT HAS BEEN OUR ASSUMPTION THAT USG APPROACH TO LDC'S IN MTN CONTEXT WAS TO NEGOTIATE WITH EACH AS AN INDIVIDUAL ENTITY AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO AVOID DEALING WITH BLOCS. WHILE WE MUST EXPECT LDC'S TO ADOPT COMMON STANDS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE TEND TO RIGIDIFY AND LEGITIMIZE BLOC BARGAINING TO THE EXTENT WE ENCOURAGE MEETINGS SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BETWEEN ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES AND SENIOR USG NEGOTIATING OFFICIALS.

(B) DEGREE OF COOPERATION AMONG ASEAN COUNTRIES MAY APPEAR DIFFERENT DEPENDING UPON PERSPECTIVE. AS VIEWED FROM MANILA, ASEAN COORDINATION ON MTN APPEARS

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LESS CLOSE THAN SUGGESTED BY REFTEL OR SINGAPORE 3536.

IN ANY EVENT, WE QUESTION WHETHER IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE EVEN CLOSER COORDINATION, WHICH WOULD SURELY BE THE CASE SHOULD WE ATTEMPT INITIATE JOINT MEETING WITH DENT.

(C) WE HAVE NEVER BELIEVED WE HAD MUCH TO GAIN FROM TAKING INITIATIVE IN PRESSING ASEAN TO MEET WITH U.S. TO CONSULT ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. IN FIRST PLACE IT RISKED EMBARRASSING ASEAN BY SUGGESTING U.S. EMBRACE, AND IN SECOND WE HAVE FELT INITIATIVE SHOULD COME FROM ASEAN IF IT WERE TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND AVOID EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS. OPINIONS AS TO UTILITY OF SUCH A MEETING MAY DIFFER (STATE 049508), I NOTE THAT SECOND MEETING WITH EEC HAS NEVER GOTTEN

OFF THE GROUND (MANILA 2308). HOWEVER, IF WE ARE NOW TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING JOINT ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN WE WOULD PREFER TO START OFF ON RANGE OF SUBJECTS THAT SUGGESTS COOPERATION RATHER THAN ON SINGLE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE SUCH AS MTN WHICH MIGHT RISK SOURING ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE. SULLIVAN

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